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MEMORANDUM FOR : Chief, Materiel Division, Office of Special Activities

SUBJECT : Vehicle Requirements

1. I am appalled at the tremendous number of vehicles now at I believe the count given me was 167. I must be so despite my general agreement with the plan endorsed by to provide with Air Force vehicles as required in order to cut down the cost to the Government. I am also conscious of the large number of special-purpose vehicles

2. What really staggers me, I guess, is that said that he was about to come in with another request (which you may already have) for something like 60 more vehicles. No one at seems to be terribly bothered by this logarithmic increase in local transportation, and when I attempted to mention increased maintenance, man hours, etc., the standard reply was, "No sweat". Yet we must translate these additional vehicles into more sergeants repairing them, more fuel needed to run them, more messing, housing, and sanitation for the additional maintenance people, etc., etc.

3. I wish you would, therefore, wirebrush the whole situation at doing so with a jaundiced eye. During my stay there last week, I saw literally no one of any consequence walking to eat, even from the industrial area. I find it hard to believe that we have that many cripples in our personnel group. How about bicycles or Cushman motor scooters, or something? Is there a way out of this dilemma?

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